

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Mr. President and colleagues, if you were to do a survey across the state, you would find that probably 75 to 80 percent of your county treasurers are not bonded for the amount of money they take in. Some of them aren't even bonded for 50% of it. If you wanted to bond everybody for every single dollar they take in, then every county treasurer, which is going to cost their county a lot of money, their bond should be raised to the exact amount of money they took in the previous year. And every county is going to pay through the nose for that bond. Now if they are projecting ten or twenty million dollars that the lottery bill would bring in, remember that is across the state. It is going to be pretty difficult when you get all those merchants that are going to be selling these lottery tickets, in the Quik Shops, in the grocery stores, in the various places, are they all going to get together collectively and say, let's all get together and steal \$20 million? Now I think Senator Chambers is right. There should be a bond. And I think those who are handling the money, the ticket sellers, should be bonded, Senator Chambers, but not for the total amount collected across the state but maybe a pro rata share, so that each one who does elect to sell lottery tickets, they should be bonded for a certain amount. But \$20 million, I don't know of any one merchant in this whole State of Nebraska that would sell \$20 million worth of tickets in one year. Therefore, it would be an unjust demand on anybody to ask them to be bonded for more than they could possibly handle or more than they could sell. Twenty-four hours a day around the clock I don't think you could sell \$20 million worth of tickets so I would have to oppose the amendment on that basis. I think they should be bonded, the salesmen, but not for \$20 million. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Pappas.

SENATOR PAPPAS: Mr. President, colleagues, I don't really have any qualms with this particular amendment. The one thing I will say under the way the bill is written, 336, the agent or the party it will contract with doesn't handle money. They will not be handling the money directly or indirectly and so I don't really think it is required or needed but I have no qualms on the amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator DeCamp. The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. Shall debate now cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay.